GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:368
ANSWERED ON:20.10.2008
HIV INFECTION IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some soldiers in the Armed Forces are afflicted with HIV-AIDS;

(b) if so, the the details thereof during the last one year and the current years; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government for their treatment?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 368 FOR ANSWER ON 20.10.2008

There have been incidences of HIV positive/AIDS cases in the Armed Forces. The number of such HIV positive/AIDS cases during the last one year and the current year are as follows:

Year	Total
2007	361
2008 (Till August)	267

The Armed Forces have established 10 Immuno Deficiency Centres (IDC) in selected Military Hospitals.These centres provide investigation,treatment and follow up of all HIV positive persons in the Armed Forces under the supervision of a physician, dermatologist, pathologist and a public health specialist.The centres are equipped with state-of-the-art medical equipment and facilities for detection and treatment of HIV/AIDS cases.In these centres anti-retroviral therapy is provided free to the patient till such time individual is in service, after which these medicines are supplied through Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme.Regular follow up of patients,their close relatives,alongwith education about the illness is also carried out.